

**E-MAIL SOFTWARE AND METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR
DISTRIBUTING ADVERTISEMENTS TO CLIENT DEVICES
THAT HAVE SUCH E-MAIL SOFTWARE INSTALLED THEREON**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

[0249] Software, for use on a client device that is configured for communications with at least one remote source of advertisements via a communications network, instantiates an advertisement download function that downloads advertisements from the at least one remote source, during one or more advertisement download sessions, an advertisement storage function that stores the downloaded advertisements on a storage medium associated with the client device, an advertisement display function that effects display of at least selected ones of the stored advertisements on a display associated with the client device, an audit function that compiles ad-related statistical data relating to the downloaded advertisements, wherein the ad-related statistical data includes display event-related data regarding advertisements that were displayed during a prescribed audit interval, and an audit data transmit function that transmits the ad-related statistical data to a prescribed server system. Advantageously, the audit data transmit function generates a send audit data display window that requests the user's permission to transmit the ad-related statistical data to the prescribed server system, and the audit data transmit function transmits the ad-related statistical data only in response to a user's grant of permission to do so.